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SUBJECT: LAW OF THE SEA

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1. I RAISED WITH SIR CHRISTOPHER SOAMES CRITICAL  
IMPORTANCE OF PROCEEDING TO SECOND LOS NEGOTIATING  
SESSION THIS SUMMER, DRAWING ON REFTTEL AND ADDING THAT WE  
NOW HAD SOME INTIMATIONS THAT SOME OF EC 9 WERE HESTIATING  
ABOUT DESIRABILITY OF FURTHER NEGOTIATIONS  
AS EARLY AS THIS SUMMER. SIR CHRISTOPHER SAID HE FULLY  
SHARED VIEW OF IMPORTANCE OF FINISHING LOS NEGOTIATIONS  
THIS YEAR AND WOULD EXERCISE HIS INFLUENCE WITH MEMBER  
STATE GOVERNMENTS ACCORDINGLY. HE ASKED THAT US GOVERNMENT  
ACCEPT IDEA OF COMMUNITY CALUSE IN LOS TREATY AND NOT  
COMPLICATE THIS ISSUE. I REPLIED I WOULD SO RECOMMEND  
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AND EXERCISE MY SOMEWHAT LESS INFLUENCE IN THAT DIRECTION.

2. SUBSEQUENTLY AT LUNCHEON SIR CHRISTOPHER RETURNED TO SUBJECT WITH ASSISTANT SECRETARIES HARTMEAN AND GREENWALD, SAYING THAT IT WAS TRUE THERE WAS SOME HESITANCY AMONG MEMBER STATES. THERE WAS A FRENCH PROBLEM INVOLVING THE DEEP SEABED. THERE WAS ALSO INTERPLAY BETWEEN LOS AND COMMISSION EFFORTS TO REDO COMMUNITY FISHING POLICY WHICH INVOLVED SENSITIVE MEMBER STATE INTERESTS. IT WAS POSSIBLE THAT SOME MEMBER STATES, UNHAPPY WITH COMMISSION PROPOSALS ON COMMUNITY FISHING POLICY, WERE NOT YET FULLY CONVINCED OF NEED TO SETTLE BASIC 200 MILE ISSUE IN LOS CONTEXT. HE REPEATED, HOWEVER, THAT HE WOULD DO HIS BEST TO LINE UP GOVERNMENTS BEHIND EARLY RENEWAL OF LOS CONFERENCE.

3. COMMENT: WE DON'T REALLY SEE ANYTHING INCOMPATIBLE BETWEEN WHAT WE UNDERSTAND IS PROPOSED IN LOS AND COMMISSION PROPOSALS ON FISHERIES, BUT IT CERTAINLY TRUE THAT THERE IS A MAJOR INTERNAL COMMUNITY DIVISION OVER THE FUTURE FISHING POLICY. CONCEIVABLY THIS COULD CAUSE COMPLICATIONS, EVEN THOUGH OUR UNDERSTANDING IS THAT THE MAIN PROBLEM IS HOW THE MEMBER STATES WOULD DIVIDE UP FISHING RIGHTS WITHIN THE 200 MILE JURISDICTION.  
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